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Hi everyone! I hope you all had a good week. You have undoubtedly seen the devastating storm that is hitting the eastern coastal states especially North and South Carolina right now. I hope that if you live in the those areas or have family that everyone is out of harm's way. My thoughts go out to those people. Stay safe please!

This week the coin world had some exciting auctions going on in Long Beach where Goldberg and Heritage had successful auctions and CNG had a well-received mail bid sale. There are several smaller internet auctions going on but my main focus will be on the four upcoming auctions that I will attend in the coming month. I will continue to keep you updated while in Europe through these newsletters but please know that if you are interested in any of the auctions you can and should get in touch with me. My phone number is 708-655-4836 or email at shanna@shannaschmidt.com. I'm available at most times. Please keep in mind the time difference however. No phone calls at 2 a.m. if we can help it!

Künker E-Live Auction 51 (Sept 19-20)

Künker has a substantial electronic auction just prior to their week long auction in Osnabrück of which I will attend. This auction has 1,246 lots and has a small offering of Greek coinage, more significant portion of Roman coinage, starting with Republican. The vast majority of items are European or German medals. I have a pretty good collection right now of Jacques Wiener medals (about 30 or so). For the most part medals are relatively inexpensive when compared with other collectibles so if you are looking for a new passion perhaps this is an auction to check out!

And if you want to know more about Jacques Wiener check out this article from Coinweek. By the way, I own an example of the Hagia Sophia. The one sold in Sincona is a lot nicer but mine isn't too shabby and cost me half of that.

<https://www.coinworld.com/news/world-coins/2014/06/bronze-medal-by-jacques-wiener-for-hagia-sophia-sells-in-sincona.all.html>

Leu Web Auction 5 (Sept 23)

Leu has their 5th web auction on Sept 23 with 1,500 lots. I will actually be at the Leu offices in Winterthur viewing lots for their 3rd live auction which takes place in Zürich on October 27th. I will have a rare opportunity to view lots for their web sale at the same time should anyone want me to check out a coin. I plan to participate in this auction (likely while viewing NAC lots!). I noticed a collection of 185 3rd century bronze coins within the auction. Lots to offer at reasonable prices. While the catalog is not ready for the live auction in October, I've heard that there will approximately 300 lots. I will try to take notes on each of the lots for customers but please know that I may not notice every small detail. Customers should request additional information on lots if any questions arise. I can always request additional photos if necessary.

Naville Live Auction 43 (Sept 23)

Just one day before NAC, their partner company, has their auction 110 and 111, Naville Numismatics will hold their 43rd web auction. There are 603 lots on offer and a fair amount of ex Dattari and Clain-Stefanelli coins as in previous auctions. Naville auctions tend to get pretty competitive so don't just leave your bids ahead of time. Live bidding is a better way to bid in Naville sales if you are serious about obtaining lots. I will be viewing lots in Zürich during this auction but available if you need me to bid for you. Just let me know.

Hess Divo December Live Auction

I have an appointment to view the Hess Divo auction lots on Sept 23. As with Leu there is not yet a catalog available but I will do my best to view and take copious notes on the lots. I'll report in future newsletters what exciting pieces are on offer.

Fall European Auctions

Gorny & Mosch catalogs arrived today so I used my judgement and sent them out to a few folks that I thought might be interested. If you do not have a catalog just remember that anything can be viewed online and most of the auction houses have nice digital catalogs. I urge you to use the digital catalogs and enlarge the photos if you want to see closer. Sometimes just viewing the catalog doesn't allow to see the finer details on the coin that you might not want to miss.

I'm repeating (and updated a few dates) for the auctions that are coming up just in case you missed last week's newsletter.

NAC viewing: Sept 21 and Sept 24 (morning of the auction)

Nomos viewing (auction is October 26): Sept 22

Leu viewing (auction is October 27): Sept 22

Hess viewing (auction in in December): Sept 23

NGSA and Palumbo (NGSA in Dec and Palumbo in Oct): tentatively Sept 23

Roma viewing: Sept 25

Künker viewing: Oct 2-4

Gorny & Mosch: Oct 13-14

NAC Auction 110 and 111 (Sept 24)

There are a few major collections being auctioned off. The first is the Jean L. Collection of Greek Coins. Many will notice coins that have pedigrees that go back to the early 1900's. Impressive and lovely pieces of course. Some may note that several have come from NAC auctions in the last 5-10 years. This phenomena occurs more often now where coins are coming quicker back to market. While I don't advocate to clients to sell their coins quickly I understand that everyone has reasons of their own for selling. I call this a second opportunity for customers to get coins that they liked but possibly lost. If you like pedigrees then you must look at this auction.

Catalog 111 is 250 coins from primarily two collections. The entire catalog is of only gold coins. One of the consignors is anonymous but the other is the now deceased but very well known academic and author Dr. Pierre Bastien. Dr. Bastien was first a surgeon but his hobby was an important part of his life. He became an expert on late Roman numismatics and his books are referenced quick frequently still, therefore, it is a real treat to see his coins come to auction.

Roma Auction 16 (Sept 26)

Of note is a considerably large collection of Etruscan coins. I counted at least 90 of them at the beginning of the catalog. There are also some scarcely offered pieces such as a Naxos tetradrachm (lot 146) which is undoubtedly one of the highlights of the Greek series. I noticed 6 (yes 6!) bronzes of Cleopatra in the catalog as well. If you ever wanted a coin of Cleopatra I suppose now would be the time. The Roman section is just as impressive with many outstanding types in both gold, silver and bronze. I will be attending this auction and if you really read my newsletters then you will shoot me an email and wish me a happy birthday on the 26th as I'll be celebrating by buying my customers some nice coins! (yes, this is a test to see who really reads the newsletter).

Künker Auction Auction 312 - Ancients portion only (Oct 8)

The festivities in Osnabrück actually begin on October 5 and end on the 12th, however the ancient portion will fall on October 8. My last trip to Osnabrück around this time last year was absolutely delightful. If you ever have a chance to visit the folks at Künker, do so! They really make you feel at home. This auction features two major collections, one of "Dr. W.R." and the Eberhard Link collection of Roman Aes Grave. There is a very large grouping of ancient Spanish coins and yet an even larger Celtic coin section. The catalog really has a lot to offer in terms of varied coinage and pedigree. It is worth to check out. I'll be viewing Künker from October 2-5 so please get me your bids prior to this.

Gorny & Mosch Auction 257 - (Oct 15-16)

G&M has a nice auction comprised of 1,036 coins for their ancients portion. It has been awhile since I attended a G&M auction because of timing conflicts. I'm happy to be able to go out for this auction as there seems to be some nice material on offer. There is a substantial Celtic section of 93 coins. The Greek section is varied but has some excellent offers on Sicilian coinage. The estimates for the auction are very reasonable and the quality high. I will be viewing G&M on the a few days prior to the auction so please keep that in mind when giving me bids to allow for sufficient viewing.



Coin of the Week

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ROMAN REPUBLIC. Sextus Pompey. Military mint in Sicily, 42-40 BC
AR Denarius, 3.68g (17mm, 1h). [MAG·PIVS·IMP·ITER] Bare head of Cn. Pompeius Magnus to right; behind, jug; before, lituus / [PRAEF] / CLAS·ET·O[RAE / MARIT·EX·S·C]
Neptune standing left, holding a trident in his hand and with his right foot on a prow; to left and right, one of the Catanaean brothers bearing his parent on his shoulders

Pedigree: From the collection of W. F. Stoecklin, Amriswil, Switzerland, acquired from Hess AG in Luzern prior to 1975. Ex Hirsch 33, 17 November 1913, lot 1058

Price: \$2,000

Sextus Pompey was one of the two sons of Cn. Pompeius Magnus otherwise known to the world as Pompey the Great. Sextus Pompey was the younger son of Pompey and Tertia Mucia. Sextus' older brother Gnaeus fought alongside their father. At the battle of Pharsalus, which was to lead to the ultimate downfall of Pompey the Great, Sextus stayed behind with his stepmother Cornelia. Upon his defeat, Pompey met with Cornelia and Sextus and sailed to Egypt where they were attempting to seek refuge. Before setting foot on Egyptian soil Pompey was assassinated before his son's eyes. After this horrible event, Sextus fled to Africa to meet with his brother Gnaeus where Pompey's remnant forces were stationed. They crossed into Spain where they gained command of the southern part of the province. Eventually Gnaeus Pompey was executed after a failed battle at Munda in 45 BC. Sextus was

not at that battle as he stayed behind at the garrison at Cordoba. He continued the fight against Caesar and his generals. Once Caesar was assassinated in 44 BC, Sextus made peace with the Roman Senate but still stayed away from Rome for fear of retaliation. This distrust was not unjustified. The Senate put him in charge of the Roman Fleet and he sailed for Sicily where he was successful in his task. Rome then promoted him to the elite priestly college of Augurs.

Despite the support of the Senate there were still problems lurking from the past. Sextus had supported Antony and while he was technically at peace with Rome after being asked to serve in Sicily, he certainly was not okay with Octavian, the adopted son of Caesar. A pact of peace was made between the second triumvirate and Sextus but Octavian quickly accused Sextus of breaking this pact and attacked him with forces. After several failed attempts, in 36 BC Octavian was finally successful in killing Sextus with the help of his capable general Vipsanius Agrippa.

This coin was struck in Sicily where Sextus was sent on behalf of Rome. The coins of Pompey the Great and his sons show a figure of Neptune as he held the office of Praefectus classis et orae maritimae ("admiral returned to sea"). Sextus even began to refer to himself as Poseidon which clearly showed his affinity for the sea.

References: Crawford 511/3a. CRI 334. Sydenham 1344

Grade: Toned and with a splendid portrait of Pompey the Great. A stable but evident flan separation/crack at 10h on obverse. Struck on a very short flan with some striking flatness on the edges, otherwise, Good VF

rr1074

<https://www.shannaschmidt.com/roman-republic/rr1074?rq=rr1074>

If you are interested in this coin please click the link above or email me at shanna@shannaschmidt.com

Until next week!
Shanna

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